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1. Full-time employees of Sfs Kreis offices and Bezirk administrations are not members of Party organizations responsible to the competent SED Kreis or Bezirk Directorate. Each Sfs Kreis office forms its own SED Party cell, which is responsible to a special SED Kreis Directorate of the Sfs established at Bezirk level. This Party cell in most cases has an honorary Party secretary. The Sfs SED Kreis Directorates are in turn responsible to the SED Main Directorate of the Sfs (SED-Hauptleitung des Sfs) in the State Secretariat for State Security.<sup>1</sup> Each Sfs SED Kreis Directorate has a full-time Party secretary. 25X1

2. Willi Seidel, who lives in Neustrelitz, Bernhard Goeringstr. 18, is the SED Kreis Secretary with the Bezirk Administration of the Sfs in Neubrandenburg.

3. The Sfs Bezirk Administration for Neubrandenburg is located in Neustrelitz, Toepferstr. 8. The SED Kreisleitung of the Sfs in Neubrandenburg is also located at this address.
4. Since the 15th Plenary Session of the SED Central Committee<sup>2</sup> there was a full-scale reorganization of the Sfs. At least formally the Sfs Bezirk Director is now responsible for reporting to the First SED Bezirk Secretary. In Bezirk Neubrandenburg, a large number of Sfs employees were dropped, including Horn (fnu)<sup>3</sup>, the Bezirk Director of the Sfs, who was also excluded from the SED. As a result of this drastic policy there was a shortage of personnel in the Sfs. In the following months, the personnel files of SED Kreis and Bezirk Directorates were thoroughly combed to bring to light suitable material for Sfs employment. The results of this file search were very disappointing, and consequently many persons without political affiliations had to be employed by the SED.

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5. The SED First Kreis Secretary is responsible for meeting once per week with the Kreis Sfs representatives. In addition to this official liaison, the Sfs also has one or more Vertrauensleute within the Party Directorates. In many cases even the SED First Secretary does not know the identity of these individuals.
6. The SED First Bezirk Secretary and the Chairman of the Bezirk Council both have bodyguards called "shadows" assigned to them. These guards are Sfs employees and also participate with the First Secretary in sessions of the SED Bezirk Directorate. These individuals are all unmarried and live in the homes of the individuals they are assigned to guard.
7. Until recently it was a practice to issue Sfs employees documents identifying them as functionaries of the SED Kreis Directorate having jurisdiction over the area in which they live. The practice now is to issue these individuals a document which states they are honorary Mitarbeiter of the SED Kreis Directorate and requesting that the plant or installation concerned render all possible assistance to help the bearer fulfill his assignments.
8. The Sfs, with the approval of the SED First or Second Kreis Secretaries, has the right to inspect all Party files, including the minutes of Secretariat sessions. This privilege is usually restricted to the use of personnel files. Sfs employees are not allowed to remove SED files from the building of the SED Kreis Directorate.
9. The KVP SED Party organization is similar to that of the Sfs, i.e. SED members within KVP units are organized into cells, which are responsible, not to the regular Kreis Directorate of the area in which they are stationed, but to a special Kreis SED Directorate of the KVP. All of the KVP SED Kreis Directorates report to one KVP SED Bezirk Directorate established at the central East German level.

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Comment. The Sfs receives its directives only from the highest level, either from the Politburo or from the Secretariat of the SED Central Committee. Hermann Matern is believed to be responsible for Sfs matters in the Politburo. There is no Central Committee Department for Sfs matters. The Department for the Protection of the State is not believed to be responsible for Sfs matters.

Comment. This Plenary Session took place on 6 June 1953, and, in addition to other matters, excluded Wilhelm Zaisser from the Central Committee and the Politburo and removed him from his position as Minister for State Security.

Comment. Possibly identical with Oberstleutnant Leo Horn, reported in 1953 as the Head of the Bezirk Administration of the SSD in Neubrandenburg.

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